APPENDIX F
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
AGGREGATE DATA RELEASE GUIDELINES

DENOMINATOR (D)	NUMERATOR (N)	POLICY
> 29	Any value < D	Release
10-29	0 or D-N > 4	Release
10-29	0 < D-N < 5	Do not release numerator (or complementary cells that allow for calculation of numerator)
< 10	0	Release
< 10	1-9	Do not release numerator (or complementary cells that allow for calculation of numerator)
= N, where D> 9	= D, where N > 9	Review for release

For counts of health events (cases, diagnoses, births, discharges, etc.), the *denominator* is defined as the number of people with certain age, sex, and race-ethnicity characteristics who live in a particular place, are clients of a particular program, or patients in a particular facility. **For additional cross-classifications, the** *denominator* is defined as the number of events or the numerator for the preceding cross-classification or the population.

Numerator is the number being considered for release.

Illustrations

1. Birth data:

REQUEST	DATA VALUES		RELEASE ACTION
	Denominator	Numerator	
1: # of teen births by race (white, Black, Asian, Hispanic) in Town X	2,064 white women 500 Black women 312 Hispanic women 49 Asian women	47 births to teen whites 29 births to teen Blacks 9 births to teen Hispanics 2 births to teen Asians	Release, denominator > 29 (2,064) Release, denominator > 29 (500) Release, denominator > 29 (312) Release, denominator > 29 (49)
2: # of teen births receiving Adequate Prenatal Care, by race, (from request above)	47 births to teen whites 28 births to teen Blacks 9 births to teen Hispanics 2 births to teen Asians	32 received adequate PNC 15 received adequate PNC 4 received adequate PNC 2 received adequate PNC	Release data: D >29, (D=47) Release data: 11<=D<=29 and D-N)>4 (D=28, N=15) Do NOT release data for Hispanics: D<10 (D=9) Do NOT release data for Asians: D < 10 (D=2)
3: Payer source (public or private) of teens receiving adequate PNC from example above	32 White teens received adequate PNC 15 Black teens received adequate PNC	Payer for white teens: Public=28, Private=4 Payer for Black teens: Public=12, Private=3	Release data for whites: D>29 (D=32) Do NOT release data for Blacks: 10<=D<=29 **but** D-N<4 (D=15, N=12, D-N=3). Also, do not release private payers (3) since this allows calculation of N (12).

2. AIDS data:

Request	Circumstances		Action
	Denominator	Numerator	
1. # of Hispanic AIDS cases in Town Y	240 Hispanics live in Town Y	14 AIDS case	Release data: D> 30, D=240
2. # of Hispanic AIDS cases involving intravenous drug use (IDU) (from above example)	14 Hispanic AIDS cases	8 IDU Hispanic AIDS cases	Release data: 11<=D<=29 and D-N>4 (D=14, N=8)
3. # of Female Hispanic IDU AIDS cases	8 IDU Hispanic AIDS cases	2 female	Do not release: D< 10 (D=8)